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Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 108 appear in the report of the Committee contained in document A/59/448.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item, in particular the question of estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council: United Nations advance team in the Sudan, at its 25th and 28th meetings, on 19 and 29 November 2004. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the question are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/59/SR.25 and 28).

3. For its consideration of the question, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council (A/59/534) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/59/569).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/59/L.12

4. At its 28th meeting, on 29 November, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council: United Nations advance team in the Sudan" (A/C.5/59/L.12), which was submitted by the representative of Guatemala, Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations.

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5. At the same meeting, before the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Japan made a statement (see A/C.5/59/SR.28).

6. Also at the same meeting, the Chief of the Political, Legal and Humanitarian Service of the Programme Planning and Budget Division replied to a question raised (see A/C.5/59/SR.28).

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/59/L.12 without a vote (see para. 8).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

8. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council: United Nations advance team in the Sudan

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

2. *Decides* to approve the budget for the United Nations advance team in the Sudan for the period from 11 September to 10 December 2004 in the amount of 21,008,100 United States dollars net (21,789,400 dollars gross);

3. *Notes* that part of the requirements would be met from the unspent balance of 998,600 dollars remaining against the amounts already provided for the mission;

4. *Decides* to approve a charge, against the provision for special political missions appropriated under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for 2004-2005,[3] in an amount of 3,002,600 dollars, corresponding to the unassigned balance in that provision;

5. *Also decides* to appropriate, under the procedures provided for in paragraph 11 of annex I to resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, an amount of 17,006,900 dollars under section 3, Political affairs, and 781,300 dollars under section 34, Staff assessment,[4] to be offset by corresponding amounts in the income estimates under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the programme budget for 2004-2005.[5]

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[1] A/59/534.
[2] A/59/569.
[3] A/58/6 (Sect. 3).
[4] A/58/6 (Sect. 34).
[5] A/58/6 (Income sect. 1).